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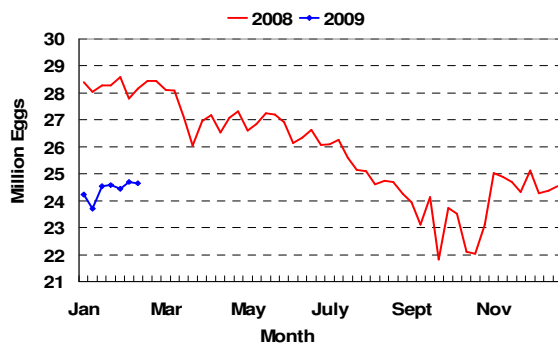
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Arkansas Chick Placements Down 6 Percent from Last Year

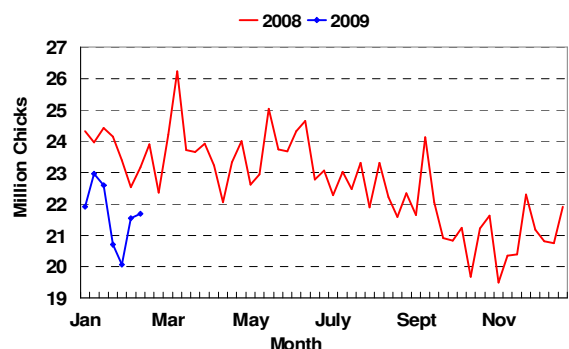
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 21.7 million during the week ending February 14, 2009. Placements were down 6 percent from the comparable week in 2008 but up 1 percent from the previous week.

Arkansas hatcheries set 24.7 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending February 14, 2009, down 12 percent from the same period last year but virtually unchanged from the previous week.

Eggs Set In Arkansas, 2008-2009



Chicks Placed In Arkansas, 2008-2009



Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, January 17, 2009 - February 14, 2009

State	Eggs Set					Chicks Placed				
	Week Ending					Week Ending				
	17-Jan	24-Jan	31-Jan	7-Feb	14-Feb	17-Jan	24-Jan	31-Jan	7-Feb	14-Feb
	<i>Thousand</i>					<i>Thousand</i>				
Alabama	28,914	29,216	28,765	29,023	29,489	19,895	19,290	19,404	19,762 *	20,291
Arkansas	24,526	24,590	24,442	24,710	24,656	22,583	20,709	20,068	21,546	21,679
Delaware	3,345	3,332	3,417	3,480	3,304	4,743	4,502	4,547	4,580	3,975
Florida	1,022	999	1,016	1,027	1,021	763	864	898	778	852
Georgia	32,876	33,154	32,317	32,527 *	32,747	27,218	27,720	28,258	27,161 *	28,120
Kentucky	7,889 *	7,789 *	6,723	7,429 *	7,885	6,523	6,349	4,497 *	6,032 *	6,533
Louisiana	3,454	3,454	3,454	3,470	3,470	3,391	3,247	3,622	3,224	3,031
Maryland	8,946	8,156	8,484	8,095	8,779	6,236	5,880	6,199	6,159	5,083
Mississippi	17,362	16,926	17,190	17,475	17,692	15,594	16,346	16,271	16,300	15,631
N. Carolina	18,337	18,997 *	18,272	18,549	18,353	15,624	15,327 *	15,559 *	15,082 *	15,200
Oklahoma	6,813	6,454 *	6,724	6,777	6,850	3,792	4,502	4,393	4,453	4,549
Pennsylvania	4,036	3,859	3,939 *	3,829 *	3,894	3,030	2,963	3,032 *	3,030 *	3,062
S. Carolina	6,032	5,272	5,792	5,719	5,589	5,435	4,533	4,604	5,650	4,765
Texas	15,092	15,394	14,745	15,443	15,526	13,284	13,262	13,167	13,033	13,197
Virginia	5,880	5,505	5,385	5,535	5,749	4,235	4,752	4,656	4,631	5,289
CA,MO,TN & WV	19,290	18,457	17,780	18,850 *	18,507	15,381	17,023	17,514	16,538 *	15,405
19 State Total	203,814 *	201,554 *	198,445 *	201,938 *	203,511	167,727	167,269 *	166,689 *	167,959 *	166,662
Prev. Year Total	216,467	217,697	218,880	217,271	218,479	178,783	177,611	176,060	176,413	177,543
% of Prev. Year	94	93	91	93	93	94	94	95	95	94

* Revised in current week.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 7 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 204 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 14, 2009. This was down 7 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Down 6 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 167 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 14, 2009. Placements were down 6 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2008 through February 14, 2009 were 1.24 billion, down 6 percent from the same period a year earlier.